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Connecting ... Reconnecting

Summer is supposed to be a quiet time, a time for getting away and reconnecting with family and friends. It is a time for lazy afternoons at the ballpark and restful days at the beach or by a lake. I am grateful that my summer has had its blessedly quiet days of reading and catching up - especially with family and friends. I was richly blessed in the opportunity to journey with 16 members of our Emeth family to travel throughout the Land of Israel, encountering the land and her people, our people. This summer also brought the thrill of watching individual and collective efforts and triumphs at the summer Olympics (though I must confess some relief at my newly-regained ability to go to sleep at a "reasonable" hour.) And I am grateful for the quiet days and nights at home with my family in these past weeks and months.

Summer is *supposed* to be a quiet time. Yet the summer of '96 has proven to be anything but quiet. Rather, it has been an eventful summer. Along with being treated to the glory of the Olympic Games, watching people achieve their dreams and strive to be and do their best, we have also been treated to troubling images and events. We have watched from afar as our Jewish brothers and sisters fought one another along Bar Ilan Street in Jerusalem over the opening or closing of roads on the Sabbath. This is but the tip of the iceberg that Israel will have to confront as Jew will face off against Jew over the character and nature of the Jewish state. On these shores summer has given no respite from the political wrangling as what yet promises to be an ugly campaign season gets underway. While the country took a summer breather, the politicians in Washington took to altering the welfare system. Long in need of change, it appears that the solution may end up being worse than the problem. And we have watched as the evil of terrorism reared its ugly head here and abroad: In Saudi Arabia, at Olympic Park in Atlanta, and especially in the horrific tragedy of TWA Flight 800.

Summer is *supposed* to be a quiet time. Yet, coupled with the physical sense of rest I have been able to achieve there is a stirring in my soul that is not restful. Indeed, it is

disquieting! The struggles, controversies and tragedies of these past months have struck deeply. The bomb that exploded at the Olympics shook deeply. At the Olympics? Yes, the Olympics. This was also a summer for remembering the tragedy of the Munich Olympics when 11 Israeli athletes were brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists. It was a time when we all felt connected through the tragedy. This was no less true with this summer's tragedies. Each ugly incident or confrontation brought us face to face with reality that beneath it all we are connected to one another. We seem to find this sense of connection especially after tragedies. Listening on the radio to the memorial service held on the Long Island beach closest to the crash site of the TWA plane I could not help but feel connected to the families who suffered and continue to suffer. The deep sadness brought on by in the wake of this tragedy has provided a sense of connection throughout our country.

As summer ends we return. Children return to school. As Jews we return to welcome the beginning of a new year. The pace of life and activity in our communities is renewed. The pace of life and activity at your synagogue will be renewed in the coming weeks. As we return, we will reconnect with one another after summer's rest. We will laugh together even as we will confront the troubling images and events of summer together. We will set course for the new year. As you return to Emeth for the holy days, let them be for you, for us, an opportunity to reconnect. Let us find our connections in celebration, study and action rather than in the face of tragedies.

As we return, may we do so in peace and together enter into a year of health, blessing and peace. Laura, Benjamin, Sarah and Aaron join me in wishing, from our home to yours, a *shana tovah u-metukah* - a good year, and a sweet year!

Ann L. Green

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TEMPLE EMETH BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the June 13 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following actions were taken:

1) The House Committee was authorized to repair or replace the radiator line in the Sanctuary. Most of the cost of this repair will be handled by insurance.

2) The Environment Committee recommended, and the Board approved, Temple Emeth adopting Windsor Park under the Teaneck Adopt-A-Park Program.

3) Temple Emeth T-Shirts and Tribute Cards are now available for sale.

MESSAGE FROM THE CANTOR

We read in our Yom Kippur evening liturgy this quote from the Mishna: "For transgressions against God, the Day of Atonement atones; but for transgressions of one human being against another, the Day of Atonement does not atone until they have made peace with one another."

This passage, which is found at the very beginning of our liturgy, leads us to focus on asking our fellow human beings for forgiveness, and forgiving them concerning that hurtful thing which one of us may have said or done, intentionally or unintentionally in the past year. Just for a moment though, let us take our focus off of our fellow human beings. Let us consider that quite often, the one who is the most difficult to forgive, is oneself.

It is the task of forgiving ourselves for our misdeeds which often seems monumental. However, it is oftentimes impossible to forgive someone else if we cannot first forgive ourselves. It is easy to tell ourselves, that it is alright, everyone makes mistakes. And yet, to truly believe these words and accept our own apology is not always as easy as it seems.

In order to forgive ourselves, we must realize that we will, no matter how hard we try not to, need to repeat this task again sooner or later. In other words, our self acceptance cannot be conditional. We will, as human beings make mistakes again in the coming year, just as we did in the past year. Our perfectionism will tell us that we do not have to make mistakes, that those imperfections in our personalities are unacceptable. What we are never equals what we think we should or ought to be.

This is precisely where we can bring "God and our fellow human beings" back into the picture. Once we find that regardless of whether or not we feel we deserve it, God and others have forgiven us for our transgressions, who are we to then say that we are incapable of being forgiven? After all, forgiveness is not earned or deserved; it is freely given. After we have been forgiven by God and others, we will also find it much easier to forgive them. We will almost always find that our being able to forgive grows out of our ableness to be forgiven.

As we look toward the New Year with a willingness to forgive ourselves as well as others, let us remember the following meditation from the Gates of Repentance: "Forgiven, O Lord, we shall then forgive others; failing, we shall learn to understand failure; renewed and encouraged, we shall strive to be like those who came before us: human. Sinners sometimes, yet a blessing."

L' Shana Tova from Avi and myself,


Cantor Ellen Zvulun



President's Page

Wow!! This has been quite a summer at Temple Emeth! We've continued to patch our ever growing leaks and do some unexpected but major plumbing repairs to the heat in the sanctuary. Hopefully, the building will hold on a little longer, as we march forward towards our Renovation.

We have tried to respect every Temple member by coming and visiting each congregant personally in their home to show and discuss the plans and have every member be a part of this exciting project. We need each of you to do your part, but we also want every member to understand why, how and when our project will be accomplished. I hope that you have each welcomed that opportunity whatever your ability to make it all happen may be. We can all be so proud of the many dedicated volunteers who have given so much of their time to call and visit. Their enthusiasm is certainly infectious!

We spent another summer with a Wexner Rabbinic Intern-- and again were delighted with an eager and talented Rabbinic Student. It was a pleasure to study and pray with Nancy Meyers. She learned much from Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Zvulun and we in turn learned much from her.

As all of us prepare for the end of summer and return to our busier schedules, we at Temple are busy preparing for the High Holy days and looking forward to the start of what promises to be an extraordinary New Year. Our Rabbi, Cantor, Educators, Board and Committee Chairs have wonderful services, programs and events planned for the year ahead. We look forward to your participation and involvement.

B' Shalom,

*Judy
L'Shanah Tova! Idon, Marni and Naomi
Join me in wishing you a year of
health and joy.*

The summer is coming to an end. While it is, in some ways, a slower time in the office, it is also quite hectic here. Barbara and I have been busily working to get everything ready for the new school year. I have begun to tackle several projects that I have wanted to find the time for over the past year or so. I believe that we are continuing to make the necessary improvements to maintain our high standards at Temple Emeth Religious School.

I have hired some new faculty members who are very enthusiastic about joining our already wonderful staff. Many of our faculty from last year are returning with renewed excitement. We have made some revisions in some of the curricula to make for an even better year.

As parents have already been informed, we will have Behrman House, one of the Jewish textbook publishing companies, coming to take pictures during our school preparation and celebration of Sukkot. How delightful it will be in the future to have a new textbook published and opening it to find pictures of Temple Emeth students.

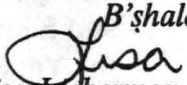
We will be off to a great start in September. Please keep in mind several important September dates:

Wednesday - 4th - Book Sale (4 -7)

Sunday - 15th - No School - Second Day Rosh HaShanah

Friday - 27th - Erev Sukkot - Consecration

Morris, Matti, Zari and Avi join me in wishing you a "*Shanah Tova U'Metukah* -- A Happy and Sweet New Year."

B'shalom,

Lisa Lieberman Barzilai, RJE
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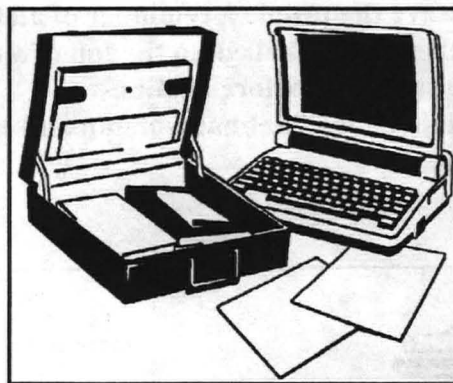
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B'NAI MITZVAH

Hello, my name is Beth Wolff. My parents, Jody and Richard, and Alex and I live in Teaneck.

I attend Benjamin Franklin Middle School and play softball. We are raising a black lab for the Seeing Eye Foundation in Morristown. The puppy makes life interesting, especially for my two cats!

I'm looking forward to my bat-mitzvah on September 7 and continuing with BARJ this fall. My Torah portion is Nitzavim, which is about God making the covenant with all the generations of Israel and the importance of making good choices.

Please join us for Shabbat worship and kiddush afterwards.

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Hi, I'm Josh Atlas. I live in Teaneck with my parents, Anne and Ron and two older brothers.

I'm in the 8th grade at BARJ and at Benjamin Franklin. Science and French are my favorite subjects. I enjoy playing the computer, watching TV, reading and hanging out with friends. I play soccer, basketball and roller hockey.

Ha'azinu is the Torah portion for September 21 when I become a bar-mitzvah. In the beginning, Moses is reciting a poem to the Israelites about God's greatness and power. Moses recites the poem because he will not be allowed to enter Israel, and wants to leave the people a reminder of all God has done for them and is called to the top of a mountain by God to see Israel before he dies.

Please join us for Shabbat worship and kiddush afterwards.

BECAUSE HOLIDAYS are a TIME of SHARING

Due to personal circumstances, some Temple members cannot be with their family or friends on Erev Rosh Hashanah. The Caring Committee wants to make sure anyone in this situation will not be alone on this special evening.

Please let us know if you are able to include a fellow congregant at your holiday table before services on Friday evening, Sept. 13...or if you would like to be invited to share the holiday meal with another Temple family so you won't be alone. Call the Caring Committee Chr., Judith Eichinger, at 833-8291 by Monday, Sept. 9.

CALLING ALL PARENTS! YOUTH GROUP SIGN-UP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Registration for all Temple Emeth Youth Groups: Senior League, Junior League, 56 Club and Kids Club, will be Sunday, September 8th in the Youth Lounge.

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Hi everybody! My name is Katie Warren and I am the new membership chairperson to Senior League. Last year was my first in the League as a Freshman, and I had a ball!!

If you haven't yet joined the High Schoolers who have already joined us, you're missing out! You have a golden opportunity to meet people from all over the NFTY-GER region and have a ton of fun doing it!

More people means more fun!! Just fill out the form below:

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I would like to wish all of you the best for a great year ahead! Any questions call 767-8459 or e-mail address is Kleigh2@aol.com

BERGEN ACADEMY OF REFORM JUDAISM

The Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism (BARJ) is a religious high school program which offers interesting classes taught by dynamic teachers to students in the eighth through twelfth grades. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 at Temple Beth Or in Washington Township.

Our program includes core courses and electives as well as retreat programs designed specifically for young adults. Our goal is to help teenagers learn about and love both Judaism and themselves.

All Seventh Graders are invited to join us for a "Taste of BARJ" weekend at UAHC Camp Harlam, October 18-20. Please call the BARJ office at 201-599-9068 to learn more about this and all other BARJ programs. We look forward to hearing from you.

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By Bob Spiewak
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Now that I've travelled through this life
 For seventy years plus four
 And so enjoyed the traveling
 I'm hoping for twenty-six more
 To me the secret of happiness
 Is caring for my health
 It's having family and friends
 Who love me for myself
 Forgiving any faults or slights as I try to do
 For them it's not so easy, my faults are not so few
 Maintaining optimism
 When the outlook seems too dark
 Remembering that a blazing fire
 Can start with a tiny spark
 I have found my answer, yours is up to you
 If you try you'll find it
 And be rewarded when you do!

EMETH RENAISSANCE GROUP

The Emeth Renaissance Group is gearing up for an exciting second year with six programs already planned for the 1996-97 season. Gladys Kaplan has volunteered to chair the group's new Program Committee. Barbara Kaufman will continue as Renaissance Chairperson and Barbara Smolin will continue as Treasurer.

Activities kick off with a dinner party at a Middle Eastern restaurant on Saturday evening, October 19. Gloria Barsky is coordinating this event. Watch for more information in the next Temple mailing because reservations are a must and seating is limited.

"How to communicate with your adult children—and their children" will be the focus of a discussion led by Emeth's Adele Holman on Monday evening, November 4. All Temple members are welcome to attend.

Renaissance Group members and guests will celebrate the group's second anniversary at a party at the Temple on December 21. Marianne Berg is the coordinator.

REMINDERS: NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS: Send in your check for \$12 per family by August 30 for inclusion in the October Bulletin.

Send in names of your **COLLEGE STUDENTS** including address, year, birthday + E-Mail address to the Youth Committee c/o Temple Office. Previous list destroyed.

TEMPLE EMETH HIGH HOLY DAY BABYSITTING 1996

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| Rosh Hashanah | Saturday, September 14 | 10 AM-12:45 PM * |
| | Sunday, September 15 | 10 AM-12:45 PM * |
| Yom Kippur | Monday, September 23 | 10 AM-12:45 PM * |
| | | 3:30 PM-6:30 PM* |

*Concluding times are approximate. Babysitting will end with the conclusion of services.

Children 6 months-23 months (by 9/1/96)

Babysitting will be available during all services as listed above.

The fee—\$12 per service, per child.

Children 24 months-children in last year of pre-school (by 9/1/96)

Babysitting will be available during all services as listed above.

The fee—\$6 per service, per child.

Children in grades K-2

There will be parallel programming on the mornings of first day Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for children in K-2

Only babysitting will be available for these children during the morning of second day Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur afternoon. The children are welcome to join their parents at services during these times as well.

The fee for babysitting for K-2 will be \$6 per service, per child.

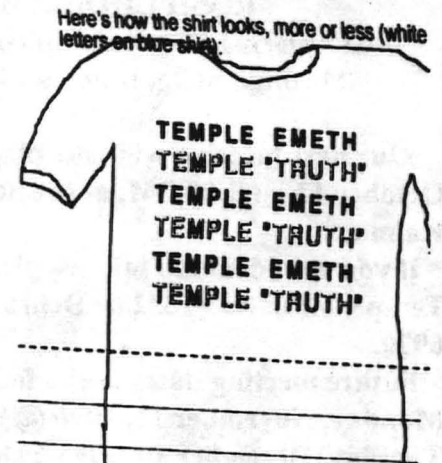
ABSOLUTELY NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN HIGH HOLY DAY BABYSITTING SESSIONS UNLESS REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 4. Any questions? Call the Temple office at 833-1322.

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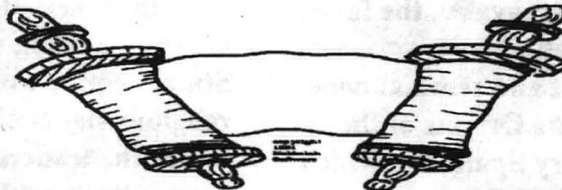
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**Temple Emeth Book of Remembrance**

Dear Friends, the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur afternoon, Monday, September 23, is one of the most moving occasions of our religious calendar. It offers an opportunity, long sacred in Jewish tradition, to memorialize our departed loved ones by a recitation from the pulpit of the names of those who died during the past year and by a more permanent memorial-the Book of Remembrance.

If you have any names you wish to have inscribed, please send the form below, along with your donation, by September 6th at the latest.

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ROSH CHODESH

**Exploring Women's Spirituality...
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Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, October 13 at 8:00 PM, at the home of Debra Kalmuss.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP the Temple office 833-1322 or Debra Kalmuss 836-6970.

Future meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, November 11, 1996 @ 8:00 PM

Tuesday, December 10, 1996 @ 8:00 PM

NEWS FROM EMETH LIBRARY

Benzion Netanyahu is a world-famous Israeli historian, whose specific field of interest is the Spanish inquisition. Incidentally, he is the father of Benjamin Netanyahu, the new Prime Minister of Israel, and also of Jonathan Netanyahu, the fallen hero of the Israeli raid on Entebbe.

Last year he wrote a brilliant and seminal book on the Inquisition, entitled "The Origins of the Inquisition in Fifteenth Century Spain," in which he revises the commonly held belief among historians that the Inquisition was started because of the "conversos".

Netanyahu claims that the Inquisition was the first example in world history of truly racial, as opposed to religious anti-semitism, and was a forerunner of our century's Holocaust.

This book has been ordered for the library. If you would like to look at it when it arrives, put a note with your name and address on it in the library's mailbox in the Temple office.

Marcia Pfeffer, Co-Chairman-Library Committee

EMETH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**1st Meeting September 25
8 PM at Temple Emeth**

The Outreach Committee provides programs for interfaith couples, Jews-By-Choice, parents and anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of Judaism! We will be sponsoring many new and exciting programs this year, including shabbat and life-cycle workshops. Call Paula Dillon (692-0609) or Barbara Finkelstein (801-0206) for more information. Please join us!



ARZA is the founder and patron of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) which fights for religious rights for all non-orthodox Jews in Israel. IRAC is the leading organization in Israel dealing with matters of religion and State, helping to further the cause of civil and religious rights of the Jewish majority. IRAC, under the leadership of Rabbi Uri Regev, has led hard-won court battles which have resulted in small amounts of funding being made available to non-orthodox institutions.

ARZA sponsors annual missions of Reform Rabbis to Israel to meet with Israeli policy makers. The primary concern of these missions is the rights of non-orthodox Jews in Israel - approximately 85% of the Jewish population identifies itself as non-orthodox or secular. Rabbi Gurvis was a member of last year's mission, bringing us first hand news of IRAC's activities.

Members of the Knesset are invited by ARZA to visit the United States, where they see for themselves the vitality and commitment of the Reform Movement. Temple Emeth welcomed a group last year. They joined in Shabbat Services and spent time talking with our members during the Oneg. Jews talking to other Jews builds understanding.

When your temple statement arrives please take notice of the ARZA box, and check it for membership. Your \$36 will aid those who are on the front line. Gloria Barsky, Chair



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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAM

The Environment Committee's 1996-1997 year will include its customary major events, announced Committee Chairperson Paul Kaufman.

The year will begin with a park and grounds cleanup on Sunday September 8th at 10 AM. This is the Sunday preceding the High Holy Days, and we will clean and beautify Windsor Park, which is located across Windsor Road and just north of the Temple grounds; it is in this park that we hold our Taschlit ceremony on the afternoon of Rosh Hashanah.

Our traditional Sukkot outing will occur on Sunday October 6 at the Weis Ecology Center, and will follow the format of previous years.

The Tu B'Shvat seder will take place on Saturday, January 25, and will highlight a day devoted to celebration of nature.

A tree will be planted on the temple property in conjunction with Holocaust Observance Day on Sunday, May 4.

New committee members are always welcome; please call Paul Kaufman at 385-8433 if you are interested in participating.

Environment Committee Report no. II

Tanks, But No Tanks.

- Turn your water heater tank down to 140 degrees - hot enough to kill bacteria and still save energy.
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- Every two months, drain about two quarts of water from the valve faucet located at the bottom of the water tank. This helps prevent accumulation of sediment and improves heater efficiency.

BASED ON "50 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THE EARTH"

THINK SPRING ADULT KALLAH

We've tried winter, we've tried fall, and this time Temple Emeth's Adult Kallah, led by Rabbi Gurvis, will be held in the spring of 1997.

From Friday March 28 to Sunday, March 30, at the Pearl River Hilton in Rockland County, New York, we will have a weekend of study and prayer in beautiful country surroundings.

If you have any questions, please call Bev Lazar at 836-1086 or Carlene Fleishman at 836-0226.

T-Shirts and Tribute Cards are in!

Have you seen the latest in Temple Emeth fashion? Check the flier to get the details about how you can own our great-looking shirts. Be proud of Temple Emeth! Show everyone you belong!

Tribute cards are now for sale through the Judaica shop at 3 for \$15 and 6 for \$25. Purchase some of these attractive cards and have them handy when you want to honor or memorialize someone or celebrate a friend's special occasion. Thanks to Marty Hymowitz's generosity, every dollar spent on these cards will go directly to Temple.

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FLEA MARKET/CRAFT FAIR

If you drove past Temple on June 2 and didn't stop, you missed our festive flea market/crafts fair—the first we've sponsored in many years. Thanks to so many people who spent a "beach day" sweating for Temple, and most especially to our energetic chairman, Nancy Plotkin, and her super-helpful husband, Elliot. They were amazing! Thanks as well to Brotherhood, who kept shoppers, vendors and workers well-fed and happy, and to the Grunsteins for hot dogs that people raved about. It was a happy and successful day.

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The Secret To Success
by Alexis Barad

The world has always been at odds with the Jews. The Jews were always a minority and much larger peoples have tried to destroy them. Yet, the Jews survived and many other cultures haven't. Given their history, it doesn't make sense that Jews are still here. People have tried to find explanations for why the Jews were treaded upon and persecuted: Some think that the Jew's self designation as the "chosen people" is claim of superiority to other religions. This is a misconception. Being "chosen" means that God has chosen the Jews to carry on mitzvot, spread goodness and wise teaching, and follow the Torah and God's ten commandments.

It may be that non Jews regarded the Jews as challenging the validity of the non Jewish gods, laws and national allegiance. The Jew's allegiance to God, Torah, and Israel isolated them as outsiders, and intimidated non Jews. Jews tend to have a higher standard of living than non Jews. Jews have almost always had a better education, stabler families, aided one another in times of need, and are less likely to abandon their families. Why, after numerous obstacles and trials, have the Jews not only been able to remain on their feet, but have a voice in the world, and contribute so much to it?

German philosopher, Frederick Nietzsche (1844-1900) accused the Jews of coming up with the idea of "slave morality" under Babylonian captivity. He rejected the Jew's passiveness to their persecution, and how they made being weak a virtue. Nietzsche believed that the Jews should have had a revolution instead of taking pride in their weakness. I believe it was this passive resistance that enabled the Jews to be here today, having risen to the top. Instead of a violent revolution, the Jews took salvation in the idea that they were chosen by God on a mission to make the world better. In this way, the Jews were able to rise out of captivity and combat the vicissitudes the world threw at them.

The Jews hold the idea of family and support for one another close to their hearts. This stems from the Jewish idea of mitzvot and the ten commandments. The ten commandments teach us to "honor thy father and mother." This idea is stressed in Jewish teachings. Children learn that respect and love is what binds a family together. By being mindful of their actions, Jewish children are taught to be good to their parents and thankful for what their parents do for them.

The idea of respect and love reciprocates into how a Jewish person acts in society. The Jewish child grows up with these ideas and tries to hold true to them in every aspect of their life. We give tzedacka and are encouraged to help our community through youth groups. Most importantly, we are taught toleration for others. The Jews learned from experience how the bloody wounds of hatred taint our history. The belief in tolerance for one another encourages Jewish people to treat others with equality, respect and love.

Education has long been a key to Jewish survival. When there was mass immigration of Jews in the late 1800's to 1920, they had to start from scratch. Many Jews had to leave their respected jobs as bankers, lawyers, and doctors. They did not let their strive for success and hope be left on the shores of Europe as they set out to sea. The Jews did not and could not rely on welfare from the state. Instead, they worked themselves to the bone trying to support their family in their new and foreign country, taking their work ethic with them. And slowly, but surely, the Jews contributed great works in literature, science, art, music, finance, and medicine.

An important way that Jews were able to survive and overcome the obstacles they faced was by sticking together. They found synagogues and youth groups to have meetings and helped one another by forming organizations like the Mutual Assistance Society. Jewish philanthropy encouraged the cohesiveness of the religion. The Jews also built hospitals, charities, and schools to aid the community. By supporting and helping one another and the community, the Jews have been able to stay together and keep Jewish traditions alive.

The Jews most certainly are not a "nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way" (Mark Twain.) They have tread new paths that continue to influence the world. The Jew's impulse to act in good and moral ways instead of violence has kept them together. The ways in which the Torah teaches them to cherish their families and love one another helps them spread their stability and security to the world.

Against all odds, the Jew's strong work ethic helped to raise them from the underdog to the cream of the crop. Genocide, imperialism, racism, and totalitarianism have attempted to crush the Jewish people in a turbulent wave of despair. Miraculously, the

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THE SURVIVAL of the JEWS by Michele Levy

Mark Twain asks the question of the Jews, "What is the secret of his immortality?". I don't think it is a question of immortality, I believe it is our desire to survive. Judaism has managed to keep the same principles, beliefs and traditions for thousands of years. This faith in God and his commandments are the reason for our seemingly "immortal" existence.

Grief and destruction have often been in our paths, but we always find a way through them. When the Babylonians destroyed the first temple in Jerusalem, we did not accept our fate. When the Romans ruined the second temple, we did not surrender our faith. Three thousand years later we are still using its remaining wall as a place of prayer and worship. It is here that we share all our hopes and dreams with God. We deal with whatever obstacles come in our way, and try to learn from them.

Our strong faith in God, our will to live and our perseverance have kept us alive. No matter how terrible the circumstances are, the Jewish people have never lost their identity. It is this strong sense of identity that has allowed us to continue to thrive when others have perished. When the Jewish people were at their lowest, they still did not give up, they stood strong, and proved to the world they would not be annihilated. We remember our history, our triumphs and defeats and we teach them to our children. Jews all over the world have been living the same traditions for thousands of years. We have the same Channukiah and Sedar Plate which we all use on the same night around the world. We share the same beliefs regardless of where we come from. This strong bond we feel for one another and Israel makes us a unique people.

The Jewish community thrives on education. We teach our children to be good Jews, which in turn teaches them to be good people. During our childhood we learn Jewish values and ethics. Judaism commands us to give tzedaka, do bikkur cholim, and to do acts of kindness. The study of the Torah and other Jewish scriptures are passed from generation to generation, assuring us that we, as a people will always remain in existence.

The most basic explanation of our survival may derive from our unbending belief in one universal God. We believe now, as we have through the ages, that this supreme being is the God of all humanity. Perhaps, it is our persistent faith in the existence of the "true-devine", that God in turn has continued to believe in us as a chosen people. This does not imply that we are better than any other people, but that with our continued belief in God, God has continued to believe in us.

We cannot come to a solid conclusion as to why the Jews have continued to survive through the centuries. We can hypothesize that because of our ongoing "relationship" with God, God has divinely intervened on our behalf throughout time. As long as we maintain a strong faith in God, continue to study Judaism, teach our children, take an active part in the Jewish community and follow the commandments Judaism will never die.

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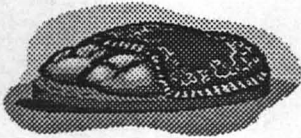
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August 30 - September 13, 1996



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Saturday, August 31, 1996 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 p.m.

The Kiddush will be sponsored by Ivy and Gary Kaplan and Shari and Craig Weil in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of their parents, Gladys and Aaron Keplan

Torah Portion - Ki Tavo - Deut. 26:1-29:8 Haftarah Portion - Isaiah 60:1-22

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| Sat, Aug. 31 | 9:15 a.m. | Torah Study | Wed, Sept. 4 | 4:00 p.m. | R.S. Book Sale |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Shabbat Worship | | 7:45 p.m. | Executive Comm. |
| Mon, Sept. 2 | | Labor Day - Building Closed | | 8:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Tue, Sept. 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Religious School Faculty Meeting | Thu, Sept. 5 | 7:30 p.m. | ECC Parent Orient. |
| | | | | 7:30 p.m. | Membership Open House |
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Friday, September 6, 1996 8:30 p.m.

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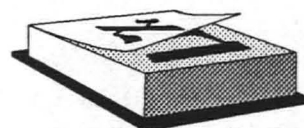
Saturday, September 7, 1996 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Beth Wolff, daughter of Jody and Richard Wolff

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| Sat, Sept. 7 | 9:15 a.m. | Torah Study | Mon, Sept. 9 | | ECC Begins |
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| | 7:00 p.m. | Family Selichot Service | Tue, Sept. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Sr. League Mtg. |
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| | 10:00 a.m. | Membership Open House | Thu, Sept. 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Prime Timers |
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| | 2:00 p.m. | Memorial Service For Albert Meyer | | 8:00 p.m. | Board of Trustees Mtg. |





Dear Friends of Temple Emeth:

As you know, the Ritual Committee has the pleasure and responsibility of scheduling congregational participation in Friday evening worship which includes:

- A) Blessing the *Shabbat* Candles**
- B) The *Aliyot* - Prayers Before and After the *Torah* Reading**
- C) Reading of the *Haftarah* Portion and Its Blessings (including dressing and undressing the *Torah*)**
- D) Reciting *Kiddush***

The Committee would like to include as many of our congregants as possible in this most rewarding experience. If you would like the honor of ascending the *Bima* and participating in the *Shabbat* evening service, please complete the form below and mail it to the Temple.

I /We would be pleased to participate:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

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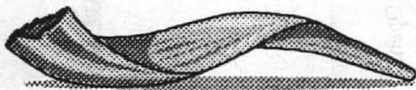
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If you have a preference of dates and/or would prefer to be asked for honors for a Family Friday Night service, please note that here: _____

SEPTEMBER 1996

Temple Emeth - Teaneck, N.J.

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Selichot

Saturday night, September 7th

Join us as we usher in the High Holy Days with special programs and services of *Selichot* - a special service which focuses on the theme of forgiveness.

For the second year we will hold a *Selichot Program and Service for Families* beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Our regular *Selichot Program* will begin at 10:30 p.m. with Coffee & Cake and a special program. This will be followed by the *Selichot* service at midnight.

Annual Rosh Hashanah Gathering for "20-30 Something" Crowd!

Parents, be sure to tell your "20 and 30 something children" that there will be a Rosh Hashanah Reunion on Friday, September 13th, immediately following the Rosh Hashanah Eve service. Here's a great opportunity to reconnect with Religious School and Senior League alumni.

Prime Timers Year Begins

On Thursday, September 12 at 10 a.m., Prime Timers will meet at Temple Emeth. All Temple retired or semi-retired members are welcome.

Remembering Albert Meyer

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 8th at 2:00 p.m. for our long-time member and past-President Albert Meyer, who died in France during the summer. All are invited to join with members of the Meyer family in this loving tribute to Albert.

Good and Welfare

Get Well Wishes To . . .

Elaine Hertzog and Conrad Suna

Welcome To Membership. . .

Loretta, John, Leah, Rachel & David Moses
Dr. Raymond Glaubinger and Beatrice Gaer
Carol, Larry, Melanie and Brian Seigel

Heartfelt Condolences To . . .

-Marilyn Brummel on the loss of her father,
Gabriel Reeder
-Student Rabbi Renee Goldberg, on the death of
her grandfather, Stanley Abrams.



Sukkah Building

Due to the Holy Day and Festival calendar, we will be erecting the Temple Emeth *Sukkah* on Sunday morning, September 22nd. Join the members of Brotherhood at 9:00 a.m. to help in the preparation of our *sukkah* which will be decorated during the week by the children of our religious school. Bagels will be served!

Online Study Anyone?

Our second year of weekly online Torah study is about to begin. If you've joined the computer/information revolution since last year, and would like to receive a weekly summary of the Torah reading with some interesting "food for thought" send your e-mail address to Rabbi Eric Gurvis at Egurvis@aol.com.

Emeth.Org! Coming to a Corner of the Web Near You

Watch for announcement of Temple Emeth's own Home Page on the World Wide Web (Internet). At our forthcoming site you will be able to keep up with our various programs and activities, weekly Torah study, information about Judaism, a special area for our children, and lots more! We hope to be up and running sometime next month. Watch for more information!

Blessing over the Bread המוציא

It is customary to use a round Challah which symbolizes the cycle of life. After the blessing the Challah is dipped in honey for a sweet new year.

Bread is that basic food which sustains our bodies, yet our soul is in need of nourishment as well. May this year be one of fulfillment and contentment. As we satisfy ourselves with this meal, may we also be satisfied with the year ahead.

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם, המוציא לחם מן הארץ.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam,
hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz.

Blessed are you Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe,
who brings forth bread from the earth.

Apples and Honey תפוחים ודבש

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah it is customary to dip an apple in honey and say:

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי העץ.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri ha-etz.

Blessed are Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe,
creator of the fruit of the trees.

May it be Your will, our God and God of our ancestors, to renew
us for a good and sweet year!

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Rosh Hashanah Home Holiday Observance

Preceding dinner on the eve of the Holy Day

Summer is passing. The days grow shorter. The sounds and colors of nature, the stirring of the wind, speak to us of changes in the world, in life and in our course on earth. We are also about to enter upon a new season of the spirit, of the soul. It reminds us of our changing lives and fortunes, of the changes that take place within our homes, our communities, our world. It bids us to look upon the changes that have taken place within ourselves... Awed and subdued, we stand before the threshold of a New Year. We stand with loved ones between the year that was and the one yet to be. O our God, grant us a year of strength and of challenge, of love and of caring, of health and of wisdom.

Blessing of the Holy Day Candles הדלקת נרות

Let us welcome the arrival of the new year with light which can symbolize the hope and expectation burning within all of us.

If Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat recite the words in parenthesis.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו,
וצונו להדליק נר של (שבת ושל) יום טוב.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sheer ki-de-sha-nu
b'-mitz-vo-tav ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik ner shel (Shab-bat v'shel) yom tov.

Blessed are you Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe who
has sanctified us with your mitzvot, and commanded us to kindle
(the Sabbath and) Festival lights.

Parents' blessing of their Children ברכת הבנים

It is customary on the eve of Yom Tov or Shabbat for parents to bless their children.

God look after our children and be their guide in life. Help them to live a life full of Torah, good deeds, and peace.

For all children conclude with the threefold blessing:

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ.

Y'vare-khe-kha Adonai v'yish-m're-kha.

May God bless you and may God protect you.

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחֲנֶךָ.

Ya-eir Adonai panav eile-kha vi-chu-ne-ka.

May God's face shine on you and may God smile on you.

יֵשָׁא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּשֵּׁם לָךְ שְׁלוֹם.

Yisa Adonai panav eile-kha v'ya-sem le-kha shalom.

May God's face lift up before you and may God grant you peace.

Or alternatively:

May God bless us and keep us.

May God look kindly upon us and be gracious to us.

May God bestow favor upon us and grant us peace. Amen.

Kiddush קידוש

Let us praise God with this symbol of joy, the fruit of the vine, and give thanks for the gift of life. May its sweetness fill our souls and gladden our hearts. May this year be one of joy and happiness for us all.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגֶּפֶן.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri hagafen.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל עָם,
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בְּאַהֲבָה אֶת יוֹם (הַשַּׁבָּת הַזֶּה וְאֶת יוֹם) הַזְכָּרוֹן הַזֶּה, יוֹם
תְּרוּעָה מְקַרָּא קֹדֶשׁ, זִכָּר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרָיִם: כִּי בָנוּ בְּחֵרְךָ,
וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים, וְדִבַּרְךָ אִמְתּוֹ וְקִים לְעַד. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה
יְיָ, מֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ, מְקֻדָּשׁ (הַשַּׁבָּת וְ) יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיוֹם הַזְכָּרוֹן.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher bachar banu mi-kol-
am, v'rom'manu mikol lashon, v'kid'shanu b'mitzvotav vatiten lanu Adonai
Eloheinu b'ahava et yom (ha-shabbat hazeh v'et yom) hazikaron hazeh,
yom t'ruah mikra kodesh, zeicher litzi-at mitzra-yim. Ki vanu vacharta
v'otanu kidashta mikol ha-amim, ud'var'cha emet v'kayam la-ad. Baruch
atah Adonai, melech al kol ha-arets, m'kadeish (ha-Shabbat v') Yisrael
v'yom hazikaron.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִימָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam shehecheyanu, v'ki-manu
v'higi-anu laz'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe,
creator of the fruit of the vine.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe, who
has chosen us from all other peoples, and taught us the way of
holiness through the Mitzvot. Lovingly you have given us this
(Shabbat and this) Day of Remembrance, to hear the sound of the
shofar, to unite in worship, and to recall the Exodus from Egypt.
You have chosen us of all peoples for your service, and you have
given us a sacred purpose in life. Your word is truth eternal.
Blessed are you, Adonai, sovereign of the world, who sanctifies
(the Sabbath and) Israel and the Day of Remembrance.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe, for
giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this
season.

A Story With Which to Begin our Holy Day

A prince was once a hundred days' journey away from his father. His friends urged him to return to his father but he replied: "I cannot, for I do not have the strength to return on such a long journey."

His father, the king, upon hearing of his response sent word to him, saying: "If you cannot return all the way, come back as far as your strength will allow, and I will go the rest of the way to meet you."

So the Holy One, blessed be God, says to Israel: "Return unto Me, and I shall return unto you." (*Midrash*)

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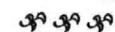
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Yom Kippur Home Holiday Observance

Introduction

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur both occur in the Hebrew month of Tishrei. The word *Tishrei* is connected to the Aramaic word *Shari*, which means to loosen, untie, or dissolve. It alludes to our hope that we will be loosened and untied from any chains of sins, and that our sins will be dissolved and eradicated by the teshuvah process. (*Midrash Rabba, Emor 29; Pesikta Rabbati 40*)

After much soul searching, the high holidays beckons us to correct wrongs we have committed, reach out to those people we have caused pain, and to try to move on to the next year in a purer state of being. This brief ritual helps us to focus on the work of *Yom Kippur* as we conclude our meal and begin our fast.



At the conclusion of dinner on the eve of the Yom Kippur

"Just as the hand, held before the eye, can hide the tallest mountain, so the routine of everyday life can keep us from seeing the vast radiance and the secret wonders that fill the world." (*Gates of Repentance*) The High Holiday day period offers us sacred time to catch a glimpse of the world around us and our role in it. This is our opportunity to take stock of the past year and ask ourselves some of the hardest of questions: Did I live the past year the way I wanted to? Did I live my life as fitting the image of God from whom I was created?

As we gather as friends, families, and congregation, let us welcome this sacred holiday. May God grant us renewed life and energy to face the coming year in happiness, health, and peace.

הדלקת נרות Blessing of the Holy Day Candles

Yom Kippur is the Sabbath of all Sabbaths; thus it is the holiest day of the year. As we usher in this sacred day with light, may we be able to bring light to the darkest recesses of our lives. God, help us to see our faults and work to correct them. May this day bring us closer to one another and to God.

If Yom Kippur falls on Shabbat recite the words in parenthesis.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק
נר של (שבת ושל) יום הכפורים:

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam,
a-sheer ki-de-sha-nu b'-mitz-vo-tav ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik
ner shel (Shab-bat v'shel) Yom ha-Kippurim.

Blessed are you Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe who has sanctified us with your mitzvot, and commanded us to kindle the lights of (the Sabbath lights and) the Day of Atonement.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam shehecheyanu,
v'ki-manu v'higi-anu laz'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

ברכת הבנים Parents' blessing of their Children

It is customary on the eve of Yom Tov or Shabbat for parents to bless their children.

Make me worthy to rear my children so that they may walk in the path of righteousness before you, O God. May they be loyal to your Torah and accept every opportunity to perform good deeds with wholeheartedness. Keep far from us shame, grief, and worry; send healing for all our sorrows.

Seek truth always, be charitable in your words, just and loving in your deeds. A noble heritage has been entrusted to you; guard it well.

יברכך יהוה וישמרך.

Y'vare-khe-kha Adonai v'yish-m're-kha.

May God bless you and may God protect you.

יאר יהוה פניו אליך ויחנך.

Ya-eir Adonai panav eile-kha vi-chu-ne-ka.

May God's face shine on you and may God smile on you.

ישא יהוה פניו אליך וישם לך שלום.

Yisa Adonai panav eile-kha v'ya-sem le-kha shalom.

May God's face lift up before you and may God grant you peace.

Or alternatively:

May God bless us and keep us.

May God look kindly upon us and be gracious to us.

May God bestow favor upon us and grant us peace. Amen.



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